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1. AT THEIR JUNE 6 COUNCIL MEETING, THE EC FOREIGN
MINISTERS CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSIONS, BEGUN LAST MONTH
(REFTEL), CONCERNING EC/AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS AND, ACCORD-
ING TO EC COMMISSION AND COUNCIL SPOKESMEN, REACHED A
GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD NOT BE ABLE
TO OFFER MUCH MORE TO THE AUSTRALIANS IN THE WAY OF TRADE
CONCESSIONS OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MTN.

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2. THE STAGE FOR CONFRONTATION ON THIS ISSUE WAS SET
BY A STRONG OPENING STATEMENT BY UK TRADE SECRETARY DELL,
WHO CRITICIZED AS "INADEQUATE AND INCONSISTENT" THE
COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR CONDUCT OF JUNE 8-9 TALKS
WITH AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE GARLAND.
ACCORDING TO A UK SPOKESMAN, DELL OBSERVED THAT, ALTHOUGH

THE COMMISSION PAPER FOR THE GARLAND TALKS EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA, IT DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVES TO CURRENT EC TRADE POLICIES. THE SPOKESMAN SAID DELL INSISTED THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER SOMETHING ON CANNED AND FRESH FRUIT BUT THAT THE CENTRAL ISSUE IN PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IS FROZEN AND PROCESSED BEEF AND THAT THE EC COULD NOT GO INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT "SOMETHING ON BEEF." DELL FURTHER OBSERVED THAT THE EC HAS A TRADE SURPLUS WITH AUSTRALIA AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT PROVOKE RETALIATION, PARTICULARLY "WHEN ALL THE RIGHT IS NOT NECESSARILY ON THE COMMUNITY SIDE." DELL CONCLUDED BY OUTLINING THE FOLLOWING UK RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) THERE SHOULD BE TALKS WITH AUSTRALIA TO DISCUSS OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONCESSIONS ON BEEF; (2) WHILE ANY COMMISSION DECISION ON THE QUESTION OF BEEF CONCESSIONS WOULD BE AD REFERENDUM TO THE COUNCIL, THE COMMISSION SHOULD AIM FOR SOME KIND OF UNDERSTANDING IN ADVANCE OF THE MTN FINAL PHASE; AND (3) THE EC SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON BEEF ISSUES IN THE MTN.

3. ACCORDING TO COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AND PERMREP SOURCES, MOST MEMBER STATES SIDED WITH THE COMMISSION AGAINST THE UK, WITH FRANCE AND THE FRG, IN PARTICULAR, SUPPORTING THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS AS BEING AS BALANCED AS POSSIBLE. OUR SOURCES SAY THAT, FOLLOWING DELL'S EARLY DEPARTURE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR LONDON, THE COUNCIL (INCLUDING THE UK) AGREED ON THE GENERAL LINES OF THE COMMISSION'S PAPER ON THE GARLAND TALKS. HINTON

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